



# CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

Alabama Agriculture Counts!!



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## Crop Season Begins

Data tables reflect the week ending: **March 31, 2013**

### CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2011	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Planted	14	N/A	39	24
Winter Wheat Headed	6	N/A	30	8

N/A =Not Available

### CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor				
	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.	
Percent					
Corn	0	57	43	0	
Winter Wheat	0	31	61	6	
Livestock	0	22	69	6	
Pasture & Range	1	39	49	2	

### TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short			
		Short	Adequate	Surplus	
Percent					
District 10	3.5	0	0	84	16
District 20	3.4	0	0	76	24
District 30	5.1	0	0	65	35
District 40	5.8	0	0	92	8
District 50	5.5	0	3	76	21
District 60	5.4	2	7	77	14
State: Current Week	4.7	0	2	79	19
State: Previous	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

**General:** The week's average mean temperatures ranged from 44.8 F in Russellville, to 54.0 F in Brewton; total precipitation ranged from 0.00 inches in Enterprise, to 1.34 inches in Guntersville. Donald Mann, FSA CED, confirmed fruit crop producers were waiting to see the affect recent cold temperatures had on their crops in Jackson County. Carol Gay, FSA CED, reported Randolph and Clay Counties were finally free of drought after receiving adequate rains this year. Jeffrey Smith, FSA CED, stated field work slowed due to wet conditions in Coosa, Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties. Brenda Glover, ACES REA, confirmed Greene, Hale, Marengo, Perry and Sumter Counties received rainfall this

week. Joe Capps, FSA CED, said Macon and Russell Counties received frost and below freezing temperatures the past two days. Marie Headley, FSA CED, reported the past week temperatures in Bibb and Perry Counties have been colder than normal for this time of the year but not below freezing. Jeff Knotts, FSA CED, said Pike and Bullock Counties received ample rainfall throughout the late winter and early spring.

**Corn/Cotton/Peanut/Soybeans:** Thomas Atkinson, FSA CED, stated cold temperatures and wet conditions caused very little corn planting in Madison County. Carol Gay said some farmers were preparing to plant corn in Randolph and Clay Counties, and it appears more corn will be reported this year as new producers were inquiring about insurance. James Jones, Jr. reported corn plantings in Henry County were nearly 67 percent complete. Willie Durr, ACES CEC, confirmed colder temperatures this week in Houston County delayed corn planting, and field preparations were ongoing for peanuts, cotton and soybeans.

**Pasture/Hay/Livestock:** William Rogers, FSA PT, reported winter wheat was in good condition, and pastures were starting to react to warm weather in Lawrence County. Atkinson reported warm and dry weather was needed for the remainder of the growing and harvesting season for the wheat crop. Mann also said dry weather was needed for winter wheat as farmers were having difficulty spraying and fertilizing the crop. Additionally, Mann confirmed cattle producers continued to feed hay. Henry Dorough, ACES REA, stated rain held off long enough this week for producers to spray weeds and fertilize pastures and hayfields throughout Blount, Calhoun, Jefferson, Marshall and St. Clair Counties. Recent cool weather prevented pasture growth which forced most producers to continue feeding hay for a few more weeks, said Dorough. Carol Gay stated pastures were greening and cattle prices remained good. Smith reported winter wheat was in good condition, and most producers have been able to top-dress between rain events. Glover said pastures were beginning to grow thanks to warmer temperatures. Capps stated winter grazing was average, and wet spots in most fields have made nitrogen application on wheat difficult. Headley said winter wheat looks good, and grazing for livestock is normal for this time of year. Charles Simon, ACES CEC, stated winter grazing in Covington County looks good, and hay was getting short due to persistent cold temperatures. Jones, Jr. said winter wheat and other small grains were doing well. Durr reported livestock and pastures were in fair to good condition.

**Southeast Regional Climate Center  
Values for Monday, March 25, 2013, to  
Sunday, March 31, 2013  
(7 days)**

<http://www.sercc.com/perspectivesmap>

Name	City	State	Average Mean Temperature Value (°F)	Total Precipitation Value (in.)
Anniston Metro Ap	Anniston	AL	49.4	0.36
Atmore	Atmore	AL	50.9	0.25
Bankhead L&D	Bankhead	AL	48.3	0.48
Bessemer 3 Wsw	Bessemer	AL	49.0	0.40
Birmingham Area	Birmingham	AL	49.5	0.28
Brewton 3 Sse	Brewton	AL	54.0	0.15
Centreville 6 Sw	Centreville	AL	46.1	0.36
Sand Mt Substn	Crossville	AL	45.2	1.11
Enterprise	Enterprise	AL	50.6	0.00
Evergreen	Evergreen	AL	50.6	0.18
Geneva #2	Geneva	AL	49.4	0.05
Guntersville	Guntersville	AL	45.9	1.34
Huntsville Area	Huntsville	AL	47.9	0.86
Mobile Area	Mobile	AL	53.7	0.27
Montgomery	Montgomery	AL	53.1	0.49
Muscle Shoals Ap	Muscle Shoals	AL	47.6	0.92
Rock Mills	Rock Mills	AL	49.4	0.57
Russellville 32	Russellville	AL	44.8	0.60
Scottsboro	Scottsboro	AL	45.3	1.17
Selma	Selma	AL	51.4	0.05
Sylacauga	Sylacauga	AL	46.4	0.62
Thomasville	Thomasville	AL	52.1	0.04

**U.S. Drought Monitor, March 26, 2013**

**National Weather Service**

<http://www.drought.unl.edu/dm>

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	94.59	5.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week (03/19/2013 map)	89.70	10.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (12/25/2012 map)	29.47	70.53	35.92	20.25	9.81	3.68
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	40.07	59.93	33.67	19.47	9.81	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	71.58	28.42	19.42	15.36	8.69	0.00
One Year Ago (03/20/2012 map)	54.03	45.97	33.05	24.84	17.11	3.98

**Intensity:**

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



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